

workforce education more affordable. It is time to help our seniors, extend middle-class tax cuts, combat climate change, and build back better.

HONORING MICHAEL K. DEMICHAEL

(Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Michael DeMichael of my hometown of Taylorville, Illinois, who passed away on August 17 at the age of 69.

Mike was a true lover of sports, especially when it came to coaching. He began as the coach of the seventh grade Terriers basketball team. His coaching career lasted over 20 years, taking teams to the State tournament on four occasions. He loved the game, but his true passion was caring for the kids he coached throughout the years.

Mike gave back to our community in many ways. He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, the Knights of Columbus, and the Moose Lodge. He was a founding member of the Sertoma Club, the Taylorville Public Schools Foundation, and the Lakeshore Golf Course improvement committee. He was also a member of the Taylorville Junior High Terriers Sports Boosters, the High School Band Boosters, and the Tornado Open.

His passing is a loss for our Taylorville community and everyone who had the pleasure of knowing him. Shannon and I send our thoughts and prayers to his wife, Karen; his children, Brent and Susie; his grandchildren, Hudson, Hayden, Peyton, and Brayden; his brother, Tony; his sister, Patricia; and the rest of his family.

May my friend Mike rest in peace.

ATROCITY IN AFGHANISTAN

(Mr. GOHMERT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. GOHMERT. Mr. Speaker, we got a couple of calls at the office today. We got numerous calls. But two veterans fighting in Afghanistan wept in the calls about the sacrifices that they made, the friends they had lost fighting in Afghanistan, and the Afghan people.

I have been meeting with Northern Alliance leaders for a decade or so. They have asked not that we stay forever. We couldn't do that, and they didn't want us to do that. But they said: Whatever you do, leave us in a position to fight the Taliban when you are gone because if you don't, they will kill every one of us who fought for you and with you, and then there will be nobody to fight them after you are hit worse than you were on 9/11.

This is an atrocity. Let's leave the Northern Alliance the weapons that the Taliban should never have, and let's get the Americans out.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF WANDA RIDDLE

(Ms. VAN DUYNE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. VAN DUYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Wanda Riddle of Irving, Texas, who passed on August 5, 2021. She was a great friend and faithful supporter of our community for over 35 years.

Wanda was known as the mayor of south Irving and had a heart for public service. We have been fortunate to hear stories from her family over the past few weeks, which painted a picture of her life.

Wanda and her late husband, Jim, started a family and raised their sons Rick, Ron, and Rod in Irving. They left a lasting impact on their community through the Jim and Wanda Riddle Memorial Scholarship, which is set to award a student-athlete from Nimitz High School a \$1,000 scholarship annually.

Wanda's passing was a great loss for Irving and everyone who had the pleasure of knowing her. Our community would not be the same without Wanda's guidance, friendship, and support.

May God continue to bless the community and the Riddle family at this difficult time.

REMEMBERING FRANK KOHLER PEEPLES

(Mr. CARTER of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember and honor Frank Peebles of Savannah, Georgia, who passed away on August 18 at the age of 93.

Frank's accomplishments in life are nothing less than remarkable. He graduated from the Georgia Institute of Technology and earned a degree in industrial engineering. Under the leadership of Coach Bobby Dodd, Frank made history as the first sophomore to become head manager of the football team. He was inducted into the Georgia Tech School of Engineering Hall of Fame and the Athletic Hall of Fame for his remarkable achievements.

Following graduation, he served this country in the Korean war in the United States Army. After the war, Frank achieved a global reputation as an entrepreneur, inventor, and businessman. Frank's pride in his service to his country and community is remarkable, and I am honored to recognize him today.

My thoughts and prayers are with his family, friends, and all who knew him during this most difficult time.

UPHOLDING THE LEGACY OF THE HONORABLE JOHN LEWIS

(Mr. PANETTA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PANETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise with pride and in support of tonight's passage of the John Lewis Voting Rights Act.

As we know, the right to vote is fundamental to our Nation. That is why we should be doing everything possible not to make it more difficult to vote but to enhance voting rights.

H.R. 4 does that by modifying the Voting Rights Act to restore and strengthen its antidiscrimination enforcement authorities.

Now, in my district, prior to the Shelby decision, we had a voting rights county. But, clearly, the threats to our ability to vote are not limited to my district as this year alone 18 States across the country have passed 30 laws making it harder to vote.

That is why I voted for this bill. That is why John Lewis served and sacrificed, and that is why he crossed the Edmund Pettus Bridge in 1965 and in 2020 when I was honored to cross it with him, hand in hand.

Tonight, we not only upheld the legacy of John Lewis but, by passing H.R. 4, we were able to eventually provide citizens with more opportunity to vote in our democracy.

RECOGNIZING ALLYSON RENEAU

(Mrs. BICE of Oklahoma asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. BICE of Oklahoma. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an American helping our Afghan allies.

The situation unfolding in Afghanistan is dire, but in the midst of crisis, there is always light to be found. In Oklahoma's Fifth Congressional District, that light is Allyson Reneau.

She took matters into her own hands to help 10 members of an Afghan girls robotics team escape. She has nine daughters of her own and met the girls at a 2019 robotics competition. As the Taliban took over the country, she could not stop thinking about their safety.

Reneau reached out to a friend who worked in the U.S. Embassy in Qatar. They completed the necessary paperwork, the Government of Qatar sent a plane, and the girls were flown to safety.

It is women like Allyson Reneau who remind us that there is always a light in the dark, even if it shines from one lone candle.

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THANKING STAFF FOR THEIR HARD WORK

(Mr. MOORE of Utah asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. MOORE of Utah. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to simply tell my team thank you for the work that they have